

**ALMOST  
COMPLETE**

**Tunnel Under Harlem River Will  
Be Completed Within Six  
Weeks at Most.**

**GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT**

**Engineers of Other Cities Have  
Visited the Tunnel and  
State It Is a Great  
Achievement.**

New York, June 15.—The third and last section of the Rapid Transit tunnel under the Harlem river will be completed inside of six weeks. The work is an engineering feat which has attracted much attention. The total length of the tunnel is about 1500 feet. It consists of two cast iron partial cylinders with a cast iron diaphragm

between them, each cylinder carrying a single track of railway. They were laid under a new system, the first procedure being to dredge a channel across the river to a depth of 9 or 10 feet below the elevation of the roof of the finished tunnel, the width of this channel being a little greater than that of the finished tunnel structure. After this dredging was completed four lines of piles were driven throughout the length of the channel. The upper halves of the two cast iron cylinders were then put together upon a pontoon, and sunk in place on the tops of the timber side walls.

Engineers have examined the tunnel with a view to the possibility of using the new system under the river at Detroit and across the bay at San Francisco and Oakland.

**Battle in Progress.**

London, June 15.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio filed this (Wednesday) afternoon says a naval engagement is now in progress off Tauschima Island in the Korean straits between three Russian cruisers, which escaped from Vladivostok and a number of Japanese ships. No details have yet been received.

**WORLD'S FAIR NEWS NOTES.**

The official name of the building used by the board of lady managers at the World's Fair is the house of the Board of Lady Managers.

The De La Salle Institute will send a basketball team to compete in the interscholastic championships at the World's Fair. The De La Salle is one of the fastest college boy organizations in the East.

The Austrian building is unique among the foreign buildings at the World's Fair in that it is installed the art exhibit of that country.

California demonstrates both the wet and dry methods of gold mining and stamping in the Mining Exhibit at the World's Fair. In this exhibit is the first stamping machine ever used in gold mining.

At the American Amateur Athletic Senior Championship games held recently at the World's Fair the winners received their medals from Miss Alice Roosevelt.

An ear of corn, ten rows of which are white and ten rows red, exactly divided lengthwise of the cob, is a cereal freak in the Missouri exhibit in the palace of agriculture at the World's Fair.

A model of a native-worked plumbago graphite mine is exhibited in the Ceylon space in the mines and metallurgy palace at the World's Fair. Ceylon plumbago is world-famous because of its pure, flaky character, and it is at present the land's only mineral of commercial importance.

One of the exhibits in the Chinese section of the liberal arts palace at the World's Fair is a collection of plumage of the birds of China. A number of the cases are filled with the tall feathers, wings and crests of these birds, making a realistic representation of bird life in China. Feathers from the eagle, vulture, buzzard and the golden pheasant are among those shown.

A plastic relief map of San Bernardino county is exhibited in the California display in the palace of horticulture at the World's Fair. Small trees indicate where the orchards are planted, and in each tree is an incandescent electric light illuminating the picture. The map shows also how the orchards are irrigated.

The Grotto handles nothing but straight liquors; no blended goods in the house.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company will place round trip tickets from Portland to St. Louis and return on account of the world's fair on sale as follows:

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All tickets will be good for 90 days from date of sale. Tickets will be good going ten days from date of sale so that a limited stop-over can be had on the going trip and on the return trip passengers can stop at their pleasure west of the Missouri river or St. Paul. These rates apply via direct lines, but if passenger wishes to return through California tickets can be sold accordingly, but at an increased rate of \$13.50 added to above.

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